

## **Drug trail heats up in East County**

**Jacumba, CA** - U.S. Border Patrol agents find \$189,000.00 in marijuana with infra-red scope.

At 7:15 pm, Tuesday, a Border Patrol Agent operating an infra-red scope observed three individuals carrying large duffel bags traveling north on foot from the international border. The individuals dropped off their duffel bags at an awaiting pick up truck and returned to Mexico. Boulevard Station Border Patrol Agents were reached by radio, and were able to respond and intercept a pick up truck carrying nearly 250 pounds of Marijuana.

The first agent to arrive in the area was guided directly to the pick up truck and the smugglers who tried to escape by turning onto a small Jeep trail and parking. The smugglers, their vehicle and its contents were easily spotted with this infra-red technology, which can see in total darkness by the heat signature each object gives off.

The driver and passenger of the pick up, two US citizens from the local San Diego area were arrested. The drugs, which were wrapped in 64 cellophane bundles, were turned over to the DEA.